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OF U.S. MANUFACTURERS ON FOREIGN PROCESSED
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1. GAO TEAM RICHARD J. HERLEY AND WILLIAM R. SMITH WILL
BE IN AUSTRALIA DURING PERIOD AUGUST 19 THROUGH SEPTEMBER
1, 1978. THEY WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH EMBASSY, FEDERAL
AND STATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES THE STATUS OF THE COPPER, ZINC, FERROALLOY
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AND ALUMINUM INDUSTRIES AS THEY RELATE TO THE SUBJECT
REVIEW.

2. THEY PLAN THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE BUSINESS ITINERARY:

LOCATION	DATES
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CANBERRA	AUGUST 21 AND 22
MELBOURNE	AUGUST 23 THRU 25
BRISBANE	AUGUST 28 AND 29
SYDNEY	AUGUST 30 THRU SEPT. 1

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS WORK THE GAO TEAM WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH EMBASSY AND CONSULATE OFFICIALS: A) CHANGES IN THE METHODS AND AMOUNTS OF MINING AND PRODUCTION OF THE ABOVE MINERALS OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS IN AUSTRALIA, B) CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF THE MINERALS AS ORES, CONCENTRATES AND METALS AND C) ANY CHANGES ANTICIPATED IN THESE AREAS IN THE FUTURE.

4. WE UNDERSTAND TERRY MCINTYRE OF EMBASSY STAFF WILL BE ATTENDING A CONFERENCE IN HONOLULU, HAWAII JULY 30 THROUGH AUGUST 6, 1978. HERLEY, FEB, USGAO, HONOLULU, WILL CONTACT MCINTYRE DURING THIS PERIOD.

5. WITH REGARD TO EMBASSY AND HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THE GAO TEAM WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS: A) STRUCTURE OF HOST GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT OF THE ABOVE INDUSTRIES; B) REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND OWNERSHIP; C) TYPES OF GOVERNMENT DIRECT AND INDIRECT SUPPORT SUCH AS LOANS, LOAN GUARANTEES OR GRANTS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES AND UNCLASSIFIED

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INFRASTRUCTURE TO STIMULATE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRIES; D) RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND FINISHED PRODUCTS; E) ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS AND THEIR ENFORCEMENT; F) IMPACT OF ENERGY REQUIREMENT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRIES AND G) THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EMPLOYMENT, FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND TRADE POLICIES AND THE LEVEL OF PRODUCTION.

6. WITH REGARD TO INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES THE TEAM WILL OBTAIN VIEWS ON THE ADVANTAGES OF OPERATING IN AUSTRALIA VERSUS THE U.S. SPECIFICALLY THEY WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH SIR JAMES FOOTES, CHAIRMAN, MOUNT ISA MINES, LTD., BRISBANE; AND REPRESENTATIVES OF BROKEN HILL PTY. CO. LTD. AND ITS TEMCO SUBSIDIARY IN MELBOURNE; CONSOLIDATED GOLDFIELDS OF AUSTRALIA, SYDNEY; AUSTRALIAN MINING AND SMELTING COMPANY, LTD., MELBOURNE; ELECTROLYTIC ZINC COMPANY, MELBOURNE; ALCOA OF AUSTRALIA, MELBOURNE; WESTERN MINING COMPANY, LTD., MELBOURNE; AND G. PAUL PHILLIPS OF THE AUSTRALIAN MINING INDUSTRY COUNCIL, CANBERRA.

7. PLEASE ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE EMBASSY, CONSULATE AND FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES CONSIDERING THE ABOVE PROPOSED ITINERARY. ASARCO INC, NEW YORK, INFORMS US THAT SIR JAMES FOOTES IS ANTICIPATING THE GAO VISIT AND MAY ALREADY HAVE SET SOME APPOINTMENTS AND THUS SHOULD BE

CONTACTED FIRST.

8. PERTH IS NOT PRESENTLY INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF THIS REVIEW. HOWEVER, EMBASSY OF AUSTRALIA OFFICIALS ADVISE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA IS INVOLVED IN FINANCING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND OTHER MEASURES TO DEVELOP MINERAL INDUSTRY IN THAT AREA. PLEASE ADVISE IF TEAM SHOULD EXPAND SCOPE TO INCLUDE PERTH. IF PERTH IS TO BE INCLUDED PLEASE MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITH APPRO- UNCLASSIFIED

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PRIATE OFFICIALS.

9. IF PERTH INCLUDED, TEAM WILL SPLIT ON AUGUST 28/29 WITH HERLEY VISITING WESTERN AUSTRALIA OFFICIALS AND SMITH VISITING OFFICIALS OF QUEENSLAND AND OTHER BRISBANE CONTACTS.

10. PLEASE CONSIDER AVAILABILITY OF DATA AT THE EMBASSY AND THE ABILITY TO SCHEDULE OTHER MEETINGS IN YOUR DECISION REGARDING A PERTH VISIT. TEAM CAN SPLIT AS NECESSARY TO SUIT MEETING SCHEDULING CONSTRAINTS. ADJUST ITINERARY AS NECESSARY.

11. MESSRS. HERLEY AND SMITH ARRIVE IN AUSTRALIA FROM MANILA ON AUGUST 19, 1978. PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR TWO SINGLE ROOMS AS FOLLOWS:

LOCATION	DATES	HOTEL
CANBERRA	AUGUST 19-21	LAKE SIDE
MELBOURNE	AUGUST 22-24	HILTON
BRISBANE	AUGUST 25-28	CREST INTERNA-
SYDNEY	AUGUST 29-31	HILTON

12. RICHARD J. HERLEY HAS BEEN GRANTED SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES FOR ACCESS TO SECURITY INFORMATION CLASSIFIED UP TO AND INCLUDING TOP SECRET, AND WILLIAM R. SMITH UP TO AND INCLUDING SECRET. THIS CERTIFICATION IS NOT TO BE HONORED UNLESS THESE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT OFFICIAL GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE CREDENTIALS.

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13. PLEASE CONFIRM ITINERARY AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS TO
DIRECTOR, FEB, USGAO, , HONOLULU, HAWAII. VANCE

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